

# OBITUARY

6-16-1911  
Mrs. Louisa Clifford.

Louisa Loty was born in Ogle county, Ill., May 27, 1837, and departed this life June 7, 1911, aged 74 years and 11 days. June 11, 1857, she was united in marriage to Sylvester Alden and moved to Tama county, Iowa, in May, 1858, where she lived about twenty-five years, enduring all the hardships of pioneer life. To this union were born four children, G. D. Alden, Mrs. A. H. Palmer and Mrs. C. M. Ryan, all of Newburg, and Charles U. Alden, who died April 27, 1867, aged 3 years. In the fall of 1864 her husband was drafted and went to war. He joined Sherman in the march to the sea, and was taken sick at Savannah, Ga., and left in the hospital there, where he died January 7, 1865, leaving her to fight life's battle alone for herself and children in a new country where poverty was the common lot of all. June 4, 1878, she was married to Lorenzo Clifford, who died in less than four years, leaving her a soldier's widow the second time with a little stepdaughter who she reared in her home as her own child. She gave her heart to God when a child and after she came to Iowa she united with the United Brethren church and continued there until the class disbanded soon after the war, when she united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Montour until she moved to Newburg where she united with the Congregational church and remained a faithful member until death.

She was a kind and loving mother and no sacrifice was too great for the good of her family. She was a kind neighbor and always ready to help in sorrow and affliction. Her health was broken down in the prime of life and she was a great sufferer for a number of years, often bearing pain that it seemed was unendurable, but she bore all without a murmur and the last few years, it was her desire to depart and join the loved ones gone on before.

Funeral services were conducted by her former pastor, Rev. R. F. Laverder of Wittenburg, assisted by the present pastor, Rev. H. L. Wissler, at the Congregational church in Newburg and interment in the cemetery at Montour, her former home. Relatives from abroad who attended the funeral were Cyrus Doty, wife and son of Clarksville and another son, C. E. Alden, of Dunbar, John Alden of Montour, Earl Doty of Toledo, Mesdames Wm. Machen of Clarksville, and Jas. Brown, of Eldora and A. G. Swift and wife of Grinnell. Others were John Walker and Wife, W. H. McCulloch and wife, Howard Morris and Paul Esler of Grinnell, Mrs. Rebecca Hite, Mrs. Fred Hite and son, Elgin, and Miss Mildred Elliott, of Gilman.